

Docket No.: 245691US2

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313



ATTORNEYS AT LAW

RE: Application Serial No.: 10/717,090

Applicants: Taku KODAMA, et al.

Filing Date: November 20, 2003

For: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE  
COMPRESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE  
DECOMPRESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE  
PROCESSING METHOD, IMAGE COMPRESSING  
METHOD, IMAGE DECOMPRESSING METHOD,  
INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS,  
INFORMATION PROCESSING METHOD, PROGRAM  
AND RECORDING M

Group Art Unit: 2624

Examiner: Duy M. DANG

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**PROVISIONAL ELECTION  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97  
FORM PTO-1449**

Our online credit card payment in the amount of - is being made covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time.

Respectfully submitted,

OBLON, SPIVAK, McCLELLAND,  
MAIER & NEUSTADT, P.C.

James J. Kulbaski

Registration No. 34,648

Kurt M. Berger, Ph.D.

Registration No. 51,461

Customer Number

**22850**

(703) 413-3000 (phone)  
(703) 413-2220 (fax)